

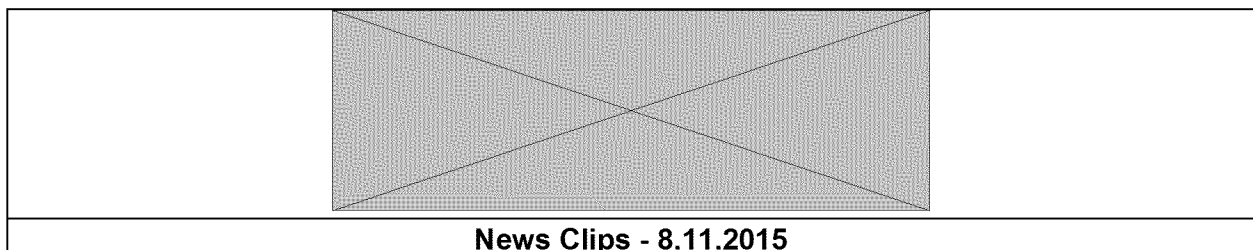
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Air Quality/Pollution

Air pollution from China undermining gains in California, Western states

Los Angeles Daily News, 8/10/15

A study released Monday by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and NASA found that smog-forming chemicals making their way across the Pacific Ocean from China are undermining the progress California has made in reducing ozone, the most caustic component in L.A. smog.

- E&E Greenwire: [Global forces foil efforts to slash ozone in western U.S.](#)

How the West's Drought Is Affecting Lung Health

US News, 8/11/15

In explaining how the sustained drought in California and other parts of the West might be affecting people living through it, experts point not only to parched ground but to the hazy skies. Specifically, the spikes in so-called particulate matter, or particle pollution, that obscures views, resulting from blazes sparked in the prolonged dry heat.

Climate Change

Governor Asks GOP Candidates Their Stand on Climate Change

Santa Barbara Independent, 8/5/15, *Edmund G. Brown Jr.*

Dear Candidate: Over the past week millions of Californians, from the San Joaquin Valley to the North Coast, woke up to a familiar sight and smell: thick, smoke-filled air.

How Jon Stewart made people laugh while teaching them about climate change

E&E ClimateWire, 8/11/15

A bowl full of ice cubes, talking almonds, and many, many puns: These were some of

Jon Stewart's weapons in his war against climate change denialism. His quips made people laugh, but they also got them thinking.

Editorial: Acting nationally is right way to fight global climate change

Los Angeles Daily News, 8/5/15

On issues from Iran to health care to gay rights, Barack Obama could be said to be feeling his progressive oats as he enters the final two years of his presidency. For Obama — for anyone who happened to be president in the tumultuous year of 2015 — there could be no more important issue to tackle than that of climate change.

Is the West Coast's massive toxic algal bloom a sign of climate changes to come?

E&E ClimateWire, 8/11/15

The water began turning a barely perceptible brownish-green in early May, a sign that algae were present and growing in the waters of Monterey Bay. By the end of month, Raphael Kudela and his team, who run a regional algae monitoring project, were measuring some of the highest levels of the neurotoxin domoic acid ever observed in the region.

Pesticides

In California, an unsatisfying settlement on pesticide-spraying

Center for Public Integrity, 8/11/15

It was the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's first and only preliminary finding of discrimination in a civil rights case. The agency saw it as a clear victory for people like Maria Garcia, who'd complained about pesticide spraying on strawberry fields near her children's school.

Recycling/Waste

The New Alchemy Of Waste

Forbes, 7/7/15

Once upon a time, excess waste was felt to be just one of the inevitable results of advanced, consumer-driven economies. The result: sprawling, overloaded landfills and harmful greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere as the garbage decomposed. That was then.

Water/Drought

California Drought 2015: What's Causing It and What Climate Shift May Break It

Science World Report, 8/10/15

California is still in the midst of a long-term drought. It has impacted water sources across the state as rivers dry up and lakes recede. In fact, it recently caused San Jose's Guadalupe River to run dry. But what is causing this drought in the first place? That's a good question.

El Niño vs. the Blob: which will win out this winter?

SoCal Public Radio, 8/10/15

You may have heard a strong El Niño could bring lots of rain this winter, but there's another weather pattern in the region that might keep things dry. It's a ridge of high-pressure air that's created a huge patch of warm water off the coast, nicknamed "the Blob." This ridge and blob tag-team is believed to be deflecting storms and keeping California locked in drought. Which pattern will win out? Let's size up the players.

Cadiz deal will remove Chromium-6 from desert water

San Bernardino Sun, 8/10/15

Los Angeles-based land and water resources company Cadiz Inc. on Monday announced it has lined up a technology company to help it remove the cancer-causing

chemical Chromium-6 from its groundwater in the San Bernardino County desert.

More Than 200 Tuolumne County Wells Run Dry

Capital Public Radio, 8/10/15

Wells as deep as 900 feet have gone dry in Tuolumne County. This week and next the Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services is holding six workshops so people can sign up to have water delivered at no cost in most cases.

Sacramento planning commission to consider allowing artificial turf in front yards

Sacramento Bee, 8/10/15

The Sacramento Planning and Design Commission will consider a proposal Thursday that would allow residents and businesses to install currently off-limits artificial turf in front and side yards, part of the city's efforts to cut water use by 28 percent.

Colorado River Spill: Early Tests Show Little Threat to Fish, Wildlife

NBC News, 8/11/15

Preliminary tests on the once-toxically orange Animas River in Colorado indicate little danger to fish or other wildlife, authorities said Monday, five days after a spill sent contaminated water seeping into the river.

Santa Clara water meter thefts mount to \$40,000 in losses

San Jose Mercury News/AP, 8/11/15

Santa Clara police are looking for whoever is behind the theft of over \$40,000 in water meters and back-flow regulators.

Millions of shade balls protecting Los Angeles Reservoir

ABC Los Angeles, 8/10/15

City officials released 20,000 shade balls into the Los Angeles Reservoir Monday, the final step in a \$34.5 million water quality protection project. Los Angeles was the first city in the United States to use shade balls, which now cover three other reservoirs. The 4-inch balls are weighted down with water inside, which helps keep them in place to block out sunlight on the water's surface.

'The Water Knife' Previews A Future Drought Scenario**Capital Public Radio, 8/11/15**

As I write this, California remains deep in its fourth year of drought. One hundred percent of the state of Nevada in drought — with 40 percent in the extreme drought category. Over to the southeast, 93 percent of Arizona's territory is in some form of drought. Even Washington state, far to the north, finds all of its territory in drought and 32 percent of its land in extreme drought.

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California's drought at SaveOurWater.com